

OVER SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF CARS RUNNING FEW CASES OF TROUBLE, NONE OF ACTUAL VIOLENCE "BREAKERS" REFUSE SIX TICKETS FOR A QUARTER

ADVENTURES OF \$2 IN A MARKET

Mrs. Expert Buyer Takes Times
Reporter on a Profitable
Journey.

MAKES HER OWN LARD

Astute With Clerks, Woman
Who Spends \$20 a Month for
Food Makes It Count.

By FLORENCE E. YODER.

What are the families who have to pay all their bills out of \$50 a month doing about the H. C. of I.?

Well, for the first thing, this kind of a family spends \$20 a month, or about \$5 a week, on food.

For a second item of news, let it be known that people who are living on \$50 a month and spending \$5 a week for food do without:

Lard, real butter, asparagus, cake, sugar in everything but coffee and tea and very little there, steaks, pork products, anything out of season, and every expensive vegetable in season—and lots of other foodstuffs.

But they do not starve.

Far from it.

They have milk and eggs, potatoes, stew, hominy, rice, and a variety of their own make of lard that is perfectly delicious.

How One Woman Shopped.

But why not read how one woman, who never spends more than \$5 a week for food, did her shopping last Saturday night, accompanied by a Times reporter?

We started out with a good sized market basket between us, a \$5 bill, of which less than \$2 was to be spent, complacency and a good humored spirit of tolerance on the part of the Mrs. Blank, and keenest interest and incredulity on the part of the reporter.

"No, we do not take a car," said the hostess with a smile. "I shop at one of the smaller markets here. We go right in here."

"Right in here," was a good sized neighborhood market, with outside stalls, and a wealth of small vegetables most people have forgotten ever existed.

"Now I'll get my eggs first, and my butter with them, so you take the basket while I get out the money," and the reporter was impressed into caddy for the lady.

"I always like to give good attention to my change," she went on, "ever since they got out those new \$1 bills. They look so much like fives."

Price First Consideration.

Then, asking the price first, always with admiring looks to see that the caddy was paying attention, she purchased one pound of oleomargarine for 24 cents, and one dozen eggs for 50 cents.

"You see," she explained, "I am buying eggs for the whole week. From one Saturday to the next there are six days; one dozen eggs, two every morning, one for my husband and one for me."

"As for the oleomargarine, it's all right after you get used to it. Besides, nobody I know ever eats real butter and it would be positively ridiculous for me to try to get it."

She counted the change methodically, stowing three one dollar bills away in one part of the purse, and allowing a one dollar bill and some (Continued on Page Twelve.)

PROPHETS LISTED FOR WAR

Most Accurate of Weather Fore-casters Scheduled to Serve.

Ranking men on merit lists at weather bureau throughout the United States will be the first of that service to go with the army to the front, in case the United States goes to war.

The percentages of accurate hits by forecasters are on file and constitute an important part of the Government's statistics of military strength. Each regiment of infantry or corps of bird men will have its forecaster, whose duty it will be to foretell what weather will attend expected battles.

The Weather Bureau here has been prepared for months to send a corps of meteorologists with the first army to take the field.

FRENCH REPORT GAINS

Paris War Office Announces Mail-sons Champagne Advance.

PARIS, March 12.—"Further gains" were reported by the war office statement today as achieved by French forces in the region of Malsen Champagne during the night.

The statement also told of raids and encounters of patrols in different parts of the front which resulted in capture of a number of German prisoners.

DEPARTMENT GLAD TO TEST SEEDS

Acting Secretary of Agriculture Vrooman today requested The Times to inform its readers that the department is unable to provide garden seeds. Congress appropriated the money for free seeds—and Congress distributes them, personally, back home, where they will do the most good at election time.

Mr. Vrooman said, however, that the department would be glad to test seeds for Times readers, provided they were sent in by clubs and organizations large enough to justify the department's trouble. Tests cannot be made for individuals.

TILLS HIS YARD AND BUYS FARM

Possibilities of Intensive Gardening Shown by a Washington Man.

"Any man with a back yard lot twenty by forty or fifty feet can raise enough vegetables this summer to supply a family of six, by putting in not more than an hour and a half a day."

Thus speaks the voice of experience in the person of C. O. Tavenor, 2023 P street northwest. For the last several summers Mr. Tavenor, a former employee of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, has raised enough vegetables on a small back yard lot to feed his family and have \$300 in the bank at the end of the gardening season. He did this in addition to putting in twelve hours a day at his position with the street railway company.

"Anybody can do it," said Mr. Tavenor. "I love to see things grow, and I certainly like the work."

It is only by intensive farming that Mr. Tavenor is able to make this excellent showing. Every inch of ground is under cultivation from the first signs of spring until the first frost, late in the fall. Already several hotbeds have been planted with tomato plants, and when Mr. Tavenor lifted the cover from one of the hotbeds tomato plants could be seen growing more than an inch above ground, ready to be planted should the weather permit. Mr. Tavenor takes great pains with his hotbeds. He first digs a shallow excavation the size of his beds. He then fills up this pit with horse manure. Around this he builds the frame, covered with glass. Inside of small shallow boxes, about eighteen inches wide and twenty-four inches long by three inches (Continued on Fifth Page.)

SOCCERISTS HELP BRITAIN

Contribute Substantially to Greatest of War Loans.

LONDON, March 12.—Included in the greatest war loan ever raised in the world's history, are a number of subscriptions from British soccer and cricket clubs.

The Marylebone Cricket Club stands out prominently in this list, having subscribed for \$250,000. The famous club has a membership of more than 5,000, between 2,000 and 3,000 of them being in active service with the forces. Other subscribers are:

Scottish Football Assn. \$25,000

Antwerp Football Club 15,000

Manchester City 12,000

Everton 12,000

Wolverhampton Wanderers 5,000

Glasgow Football Assn. 5,000

Liverpool 5,000

Glasgow Rangers 5,000

West Ham United 3,000

Forfar 2,500

Milwall 2,500

Borke & Bucks Foot Assn. 2,375

Central League 1,250

HELD ON WEAPON CHARGE

Motorman Who Didn't Go on Strike Arrested at Mt. Rainier.

On a charge of carrying concealed weapons, E. F. Peters, one of the oldest motormen in the service of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, was arrested at Mt. Rainier shortly after noon today, and will be given a hearing tomorrow evening before Justice of the Peace John Klein.

Peters did not go on a strike with the other employees. It is said that Constable John White, who made the arrest, took two pistols from his pockets.

Arrangements were made by Robert W. Wells, attorney for the rail way company, to have Peters released on his own recognizance.

Peters was on his car, which was headed toward Washington, when arrested.

STONE GIVEN HIS JOB AGAIN BY OLD GUARD

Not a Voice Raised in Opposition as Senate Approves Appointment.

ENTIRE LIST IS RATIFIED

Two New Democrats and Two New Republicans Put on District Committee.

Not a voice was lifted at the Senate Democratic caucus today against the retention of Senator "Bill" Stone of Missouri as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

The committee list, as presented by the steering committee, was ratified without a contest.

Sensors who have been talking loudly against Senator Stone were conspicuous today by their silence and sang so low they were not audible.

Seniority Dominates.

Rule of seniority and precedent and the force of the Old Guard Senators who are potent these days on the Democratic side dominated and sufficed to smooth over all the troubles that at one time threatened to break on the Missouri Senator.

Later on the committee lists of the Democrats and that of the Republicans were presented to the Senate and ratified. No controversy developed in the Senate.

Sensor Newlands presented a resolution for an investigation by the Committee on Rules into the findings of assigning members to committees, clerical hire, and the like. This, however, had no relation to the opposition of Senator Stone.

Sure of Job For Two Years.

As a result of today's Senate action, despite the protest from the country, Senator Stone will head Foreign Relations for the next two years.

The committee assignments as made today by the Senate, following action by the Democratic and Republican caucuses, which ratified the findings of the respective committees on committees, clerical hire, and the like, have for the most part been made public.

Two new Democratic members and two new Republicans were put on the District Committee. On the Democratic side, Senator Kink of Utah and Senator Vardaman of Mississippi were found. On the Republican side Senators Calder of New York, and New of Indiana, were put on.

Sensor Trammell of Florida, was at first given a place on the Democratic side of this committee. He did not desire to serve, and Senator Vardaman was put on in his place.

Sensors James and Smith of Arizona left the committee. Senator Works ended his service March 4, and hence retired from the Republican side of the committee, and Senator Steiwing, a Republican, also retired from it.

SENATOR JOHN WALTER SMITH CONTINUES TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

WORKS SEES DICTATORSHIP

Former Senator Declares Senate Cowardly in Closure Case.

Declaring the action of the President is hurrying the United States rapidly toward a dictatorship, former Senator John D. Works of California, departing for home, has fired a last broadside against centralization of power in Washington.

Denouncing the President for interfering with Senate rules, Senator Works says the Senate was "pusillanimous and cowardly" in yielding its independence.

MAY HALT RELIEF WORK

Sinking of Storstadt in "Safe" Zone Discourages.

German torpedoing of the Norwegian ship Storstadt, official confirmation of which reached here today, may serve to halt Belgian relief work.

Officials here are frankly discouraged at the tendency shown by the German commander in destroying this ship in the open lane designated by Germany herself as exempt from attack.

This utter disregard of the Belgian relief flag and violation of Germany's promise to lay a lane for relief vessels may seriously hamper the relief commission's efforts to feed the 10,000,000 dependent upon charity.

The Storstadt was bound from Buenos Aires to Rotterdam. Chairman Hoover, of the Belgian relief commission, is in New York.

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U. S. GIVES OUT

FORMAL ARMED SHIP NOTICE

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Removes All Doubt.

The statement, removing at once all doubt as to the intention of the American Government to place naval gunners as well as guns on American ships, is not only a plain challenge of Germany's war zone decree, but is a challenge of every contention which the Berlin government has heretofore made with respect to the status of armed merchant ships.

Through the correspondence between the United States and Germany, growing out of the submarine warfare of two years back, the German government sought to prove that all armed British merchant vessels were in fact ships of war because:

The British ships carried naval guns manned by naval gunners; and these gunners were directly responsible to the British admiralty and among the secret orders they worked under, these gunners were under instructions to fire on submarines at sight.

Will Carry Naval Guns.

The American ships will carry United States naval guns manned by United States naval gunners.

These gunners will be directly responsible to the United States Navy Department, and will be under detailed instructions, which have thus far been kept secret with one exception; namely, that the gunners are to fire on the submarines at sight.

The position of the American Government, as adhered to in the present, (Continued on Fifth Page.)

MACHINISTS MAY AID MEN

Navy Yard Workers Likely to Keep Off Street Cars.

Machinists of the Washington Navy Yard, numbering nearly 2,000, may come to the aid of the striking street railway employees of the Washington Railway and Electric Company.

It was announced today by N. P. Alfais that the machinists of Columbia Lodge 174, would meet at 5 o'clock this afternoon at Fourth and Pennsylvania avenue southeast for the purpose of considering ways and means to help the strikers. The striking street railway employees are expected to have men at the meeting to explain the situation.

In the last strike the machinists arranged to assist the employees by keeping off the cars while the strike was in progress.

It is expected that similar action, affecting the lines on which there is a strike, will be taken at this time.

WILSON AGAIN IN BED

President Weakened by Sitting Up a While Yesterday.

President Wilson is still confined to his room and did not go to the executive offices today. The President saw Secretary Lansing and Senator Martin, the latter Democratic leader of the Senate, today, but the 10,000,000 dependent upon charity.

The President sat up yesterday, but this weakened him a bit, and Dr. Grayson decided this morning that Dr. Wilson ought to remain in his room for the present.

No appointments, except of the most vital sort, will be made for the President until he fully recovers his strength. The fever has left President Wilson, but he is recuperating rather slowly.

EFFECTS OF STRIKE AS REPORTED AT THE CAR BARN

Following is the number of cars the railway starters at the six principal barns claimed to be running today and the number claimed to be the normal service at mid-day and during morning rush hours.

Car Lines.	Running Today.	Normal Mid-day.	Normal Rush-hours.
East Capitol, F St. and Georgetown	18	18	32
Capitol and Mt. Pleasant	12	12	20
Mt. Pleasant—13th and D Sts.	20	20	28
Columbia line (H street)	11	11	20
Bladensburg	2	2	2
Ninth street, Brightwood and Four-and-a-half street northwest	22	24	28
Takoma Park, Forest Glen, and Soldiers' Home	(Included in Ninth street)		
Eleventh street, Anacostia and Giesboro Point	20	24	32
Georgetown, Tenleytown, and Rockville	11	11	14
Great Falls, Massachusetts avenue, and Bradley Heights	3	3	3
Maryland line (Mt. Rainier, Laurel, Riverdale, and Hyattsville)	23	23	33
Treasury-Brookland	23	23	34
LeDroit Park, Wharves, Bureau of Printing and Engraving	4	5	7
Cabin John, Glen Echo and Georgetown	2	2	4

Estimates of strikers credit the company with operating from half to three-fourths of the above numbers.

GERARD IS DUE IN U. S. TONIGHT

Ambassador, at Havana, Had Trying Journey From Berlin.

By nightfall James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, will rejoice once more in treading American soil. It has been a long way from Berlin to Washington—nearly 6,000 miles in the route Gerard is traversing, and to the moment of reaching the Cuban coast it was a journey filled with apprehension—a journey that came after wearing days of long drawn out tension in Berlin.

The ambassador and his embassy party expect to leave Havana today. Gerard will report to President Wilson at the earliest possible moment. Until he has thus personally detailed the circumstances of those trying days in Berlin and given the Chief Magistrate the impressions he has formed as to Germany's purposes, her present situation, and her future aims, he will remain silent.

Didn't Know of Plot.

The only public expression which the former ambassador permitted himself to make on his arrival at Havana was that he had no knowledge of Foreign Secretary Zimmermann's plot to align Germany with Mexico and Japan until word of that conspiracy reached the Infanta Isabel by wireless as she was en route from Corunna, Spain, to Havana.

From others of the ambassadorial party, however, it was learned that the ambassador months ago advised the United States Government of Germany's intrigues in Mexico.

It rests with President Wilson whether the full story of Gerard's life in Berlin and his impressions of Germany shall be given to the American (Continued on Fifth Page.)

AMERICANS NOT MISUSED

London Denies Germans Treat Prisoners With Unfair Discrimination.

LONDON, March 12.—Emphatic denial has been given to reports that Americans fighting with Canadian regiments are ill-treated by the Germans when taken prisoner.

Some time ago there was a tale that the German general staff had issued an order to officers to watch for prisoners from the "American Legion," but this unit of the Canadian army no longer exists as such.

Americans enlisting with the Canadian have been systematically scattered throughout several divisions, making it impossible for the Germans to distinguish them even if they were determined to treat the Americans as franc-tireurs.

No one here can understand how any one could imagine that Great Britain would allow the Germans to treat soldiers of American parentage or birth differently than any others captured. Technically they are British subjects during their term of enlistment, having sworn allegiance to the King.

U. S. WOULD LOSE NITRATE

German Activities in Chili Would Cut Supply, Is Assertion.

As a result of German activities in Chili this country, in the event of war with Germany, would be cut off completely from its supply of nitrate—an absolute ingredient in the production of explosives—according to a statement made today by N. H. Milliken, president of the American Society of Chili, who has just arrived in this country.

25 KNOWN DEAD IN INDIANA GALE

Believed Ruins of 500 Wrecked Newcastle Homes Yet Hold 10 to 20 Bodies.

NEWCASTLE, Ind., March 12.—With twenty-five bodies already recovered, search continued today for further dead in the wake of the cyclone which swept down on this city late yesterday, destroying 500 homes and causing property damage of more than \$1,000,000.

Following is a list of the known dead: EVERETT DUNLAP, 15; JOHN NELIS, 25; Mrs. JOHN DAVIS, mother of Gray Davis.

Other Bodies in Ruins.

Estimates were that from ten to twenty bodies were still in the ruins. Manufacturing plants were closed while the workmen aided three companies of militia and 100 special policemen in keeping guard and cleaning up the debris strewn over a district two and a half miles wide, and fifteen miles long, through the residence district of the city, and on into a prosperous farming country.

Fifty physicians and nurses from neighboring towns took care of the wounded in improvised hospitals. Fifty were seriously injured, and 100 (Continued on Page Twelve.)

PRISONER GIVEN RESPITE

President Grant Thirty-Day Stay of Death Sentence.

Edward Mayberry, convicted of murder in the Federal Court, Spokane, Wash., and sentenced to be hanged, and whose case attracted much interest when Federal authorities here received an application for permission to hang him on the roof of the Federal building in Spokane because the State law prohibits capital punishment, has been given a respite by the President.

Mayberry was to have been hanged on March 16. President Wilson today granted him a respite of thirty days in which to prepare an appeal from the sentence of the Federal Court which conflicts with the State laws.

COLOMBIA TREATY IS UP.

The Senate went into executive session at 12:30 o'clock today to consider nominations and the Colombian treaty. Democrats were anxious to ratify the Colombian treaty during the special session. Republicans want to postpone it until the extra session is called, April 16.

KING SATISFIED WITH SERVICE ON ALL LINES

Unfamiliarity With Street Locations Hampers Imported Motormen and Conductors.

UNION CHIEFS SANGUINE

Hope President Wilson Will Soon Be Able to Consider the Situation.

An unidentified girl was struck by a street car at North Capitol and H streets at 1:45 this afternoon. She was taken to Casualty Hospital.

With about 75 per cent of the cars in operation, and with little or no attempt on the part of the strikers to interfere with the strike breakers, the first day of the strike on the lines of the Washington Railway and Electric Company is passing without any more serious trouble than irregular schedules and an insistence on the part of the strike breaking conductors for a full five-cent fare in the place of the six-tickets-for-a-quarter rate which is the fare fixed in the company's charter.

There was considerable anxiety during the early morning hours as to whether the strikers or their sympathizers interfere with the cars on the early trips. At some of the barns starting hours on this account were changed, but as a few cars started out and were not interfered with, the fear of trouble diminished, and from some of the barns a full quota was dispatched.

Blockade at F and Ninth.

Because one of the strike breaking motormen on an Anacostia car was not "on to the ropes," east-bound traffic of the Washington Railway and Electric Company was tied up at Ninth and F streets for half an hour early this